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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:


This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for responding to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2002.

The requested extension is for four (4) months, extending the period for response to October 30, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension of time fee, \$720.00, and any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 30, 2002

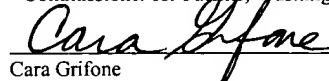
  
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